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For : COMPOSITION FOR THE RELIEF OF HEAT STRESS

Atty. Docket No.: Provvisionato Case 3A

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT CANCELLING CLAIMS

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee in the above-identified application, kindly enter the following:

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims as follows. A marked-up version of the amended claims is enclosed herewith showing the changes made by the current amendment.

Kindly amend Claims 6, 8-10 and 12 as follows:

B1 6. (Amended) A composition according to claim 1, further comprising oligoelements, dermoprotective vitamins and anti-oxidants so as to compensate for the biochemical changes which might occur in the skin of a person passively exposed to heath and/or sunshine.

B2 8. (Amended) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition is prepared in the form of a powder.

9. (Amended) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition is prepared in a solid form.

10. (Amended) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition is solubilized in water.

B3 12. (Amended) A hypocaloric beverage useful for the relief of heat stress, including rehydration and selective restoration of the potassium and magnesium ions, systemic decreases of which are associated with passive